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1. The region around the city of Posadas in the Territory of Misiones is largely populated by foreign colonists. Among the Slavic colonists in the region there is the same type of Communist work going on as there is in the neighboring region around Encarnacion, Paraguay.
2. It is reported that Communist activity among the Slav colonists in the Misiones region is directed toward forming fifth column groups for sabotage in the event of war between the United States and the USSR. The efforts of Communist organizers are being concentrated on small groups who are to be well organized for fifth column activities.
3. The center of this activity is believed to be the town of Obera. One of the leaders there is a German Jew, Marcus Kaner, who was deported to Patagonia at one time, but has now returned. He has a great deal of prestige, and is considered to be quite important in Communist circles.
4. The Communists in Misiones keep in constant contact with the Communist group near Encarnacion. It is reported that in the Argentine port of Alto Parana, about 70 kilometers from Posadas, the head of the detachment of gendarmerie is a Corporal Gregorio Ramos, who is married to the daughter of Adam Ednach, one of the most active Communists in Colonia Fram, Paraguay. Ramos is said to permit Communists to pass between Argentina and Paraguay at will.
5. A son of Adam Ednach is in charge of the post office in Aperea, which is a section of Colonia Fram. There is also a Communist sympathizer, a Russian whose identity has not yet been determined, in the post office at Carmen del Parana, Paraguay. It is believed that these two men are able to keep the Communists apprised of correspondence passing through the mails which might concern them.
6. In the city of Posadas itself there are few foreigners and the Communist Party is not strong there. There is, however, a well organized Communist group in the city which keeps in contact with the Communists in Paraguay. There are some Paraguayan Communist exiles in Posadas, among them Esteban Palacio, former President of the Communist Party in Encarnacion.

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